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PLOT PLAN GUIDES CREATED TO HELP BUILDERS, HOMEOWNERS *New County Services Save Time and Simplify Building Process*

The County's Department of Planning and Land Use has introduced two new services to save time for builders and homeowners: an online guide to help applicants file plot plans correctly and a voice message system to tell callers about other Planning and Land Use Web-based tools.

Plot plans are the first step in the building permit process for new homes and home remodels. They're often filed incorrectly, and that can cause delays as applicants search for needed information and are forced to re-file.

The new optional templates are designed to prevent that problem by giving applicants a properly-sized drawing area for plans; a checklist of information the County requires and a Web link for additional help; a guide showing the scale that plans must be drawn to; and an inventory of actions the County expects builders to take to protect the environment and construction area.

The plot plans can be downloaded by architects, engineers and do-it-yourself homeowners who have computer-aided drawing programs. The plan templates can be found at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/bldgforms/index.html and by clicking on "Plot_temp" under "Residential Dwelling Plan Submittal."

The Department of Planning and Land Use also has created a new voice-messaging system to tell waiting callers about other new online tools, including those that help residents apply for some building permits, estimate permit prices and check average planning-counter wait times. All of the tools aim to save the public time and money by letting them conduct business without having to drive to County offices, or by cutting the time they must wait for help.

The new services can be found at the Department's main Web site, at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/index.html.

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